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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, EXPLOITATION SUBCOMMITTEE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

SUBJECT: Orientalia Holdings of the Library of Congress

1. Your attention is invited to the attached copy of correspondence between Dr. Burton W. Adkinson, Director of the Reference Department of the Library of Congress, and Colonel W. G. Lee, Deputy Director for Targets, Directorate of Intelligence, USAF.

2. Although presence of a large volume of uncatalogued orientalia in the Library of Congress has not been unknown in the intelligence community, the data offered by Dr. Adkinson appears to be the first attempt to estimate the probable cost of achieving control of the material. In view of the value of such control to the intelligence community at large, with subsequent opportunity for research and exploitation, it is believed that this matter should be included on the agenda of the Exploitation Subcommittee at some future date, perhaps in conjunction with the Subcommittee's current review of specific exploitation programs. The purpose of such action, of course, would be to determine other agency interest in a possible cataloguing project and the extent to which various agencies might be willing to support such a project.

3. The USAF member of the Subcommittee will be pleased to arrange attendance of Mr. George Paghe, Chief of the Air Information Division of the Library of Congress, at the appropriate meeting to supply detailed information regarding the cataloguing procedures involved and the difficulties encountered in a similar project directed at Slavic accessions several years ago.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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